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1. EMBASSY SOURCES HAVE REVEALED FURTHER INFORMATION, SO FAR NOT IN PUBLIC DOMAIN, ON NEPALESE PARTICIPATION IN SUBJECT YOUTH FESTIVAL. SPECIFICALLY, PREPARATORY COMMITTEE WAS ESTABLISHED (UNDER WHOSE AUSPICES NOT CLEAR) TO HANDLE ARRANGEMENTS FOR NEPALESE DELEGATION. SEVERAL PROMINENT INTELLECTUAL PERSONALITIES APPARENTLY DUCKED OUT OF TAKING PART, BUT FORMER MINISTER OF PUBLIC WORKS AND NOW CHAIRMAN OF KATHMANDU MUNICIPAL PANCHAYAT, PRAG RAJ SUWAL, AGREED HEAD THIS COMMITTEE. COMMITTEE DECIDED SEND 56 MEMBER DELEGATION (COMPOSITION UNKNOWN) TO HAVANA. GON, WITH DECISION REPORTEDLY BEING TAKEN BY COMBINATION OF HOME-PANCHAYAT MINISTRY AND BACK-TO-VILLAGE NATIONAL CAMPAIGN, (BVNC), REFUSED, HOWEVER, TO ISSUE PASSPORTS TO THOSE CHOSEN. SOURCES INDICATE, HOWEVER, THAT SIX INDIVIDUALS (WHETHER THEY WERE AMONG ORIGINAL '66 NOT KNOWN) OBTAINED PASSPORTS VALID FOR TRAVEL TO GDR AND THEY WILL PROCEED FROM BERLIN TO HAVANA TO ACT AS NEPALESE REPRESENTATIVES. NAMES OF ONLY TWO OF SIX KNOWN TO US--GANESH BALLAV PRADHAN, EDITOR OF LOCAL NEPALI NEWSPAPER, "JHANMA BHUMI," AND JOG MEHAR
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SHRESTHA, WHO IS PAST HAS SERVED AS BOTH HOME AND COMMUNICATIONS MINISTER. TO THIS NUCLEUS WILL BE ADDED UNDERTERMINED NUMBER OF THE THREE HUNDRED PLUS NEPALESE STUDENTS NOW STUDYING IN SOVIET UNION.

2. COMMENT: MANNER IN WHICH THIS ISSUE HAS BEEN HANDLED
HERE IS INTERESTING. FOREIGN MINISTRY STILL DENIES ANY

KNOWLEDGE OF POSSIBLE NEPALESE DELEGATION. THIS DENIAL IS HARD TO BELIEVE, BUT PROBABLY DOES REFLECT MFA'S LIMITED INVOLVEMENT IN CONSIDERATION OF ISSUES INVOLVED. RATHER THAN VIEWING MATTER AS FOREIGN RELATIONS PROBLEMS, GON APPEARS TO HAVE PLACED IT IN INTERNAL POLITICAL/SECURITY AREA?HENCE INVOLVEMENT OF HOME-PANCHAYAT MINISTRY (POLICE/INTERIOR FUNCTIONS) AND BVNC (IN EFFECT PALACE'S POLITICAL ARM). DECISION TO DENY PASSPTRTS PRESUMABLY REFLECTS HEIGHTENED CONCERNS ABOUT COMMUNIST, PARTICULARLY SOVIET, ACTIVITIES NOTED REF (A). IT WILL BE INTERESTING TO SEE WHAT IF ANYTHING GON DOES ABOUT THOSE NEPALESE WHO ACTUALLY END UP ATTENDING HAVANA GATHERING ONCE THEY RETURN.
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